17 Hardoi	18 Jalaun	19 Jaunpur	20 Kasuhambi
21 Kushinagar	22 Lakhimpur	23 Lalitpur Kheri	24 Maharajganj
25 Mahoba	26 Mirzapur	27 Pratapgarh	28 Raebareli
29 Sant Kabir Nagar	30 Shravasti	32 Sitapur	33 31 Siddharthanagar
Sonebhadra 34Unnao			
	Uttaranchal		
1 Chamoli			hwal
	2 Champawat	3 Tehri Gar West Bengal	
1 Bankura	2 Birbhum	3 Dakshin Dinajpur	4 Jalpaiguri
5 Malda	6 Midnapur	7 Midnapur East	8 Murshidabad
	West		
9 Purulia	10 South 24	11 UttarDinaji Parganas	Dur

Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan

2481. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PANCHAYAT) RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to launch Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan in Goa;

(b) if so, the objective of the programme;

(c) the targets proposed to be achieved; and

(d) the details of essential features of the campaign including pattern of assistance?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes.Sir.

(b) The objective of the Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan is to synergise the energy of the youth through the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

and the Panchayati Raj Institutions for development and democracy at grassroots.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and State Governments have launched this nation-wide campaign to involve young people in development and democracy at grassroots. The campaign is conceived, run and owned by the youth in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and the Youth Clubs affiliated to the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The campaign focuses on developing a synergy between the Gram Panchayats and the Youth Clubs in addressing social issues in the villages.

So far, three State level campaigns have been launched in Punjab, Haryana and Manipur. The State level launch is followed by campaigns at. the Division and District level and finally at Village level to be spearheaded by the Young Panchayat leaders themselves with the active assistance of Youth Club Members.

The launch in Goa is at an advanced stage of planning and preparation and is expected to be launched soon after the forthcoming elections in Goa.

Assistance to backward districts under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana

2482. SHRITARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a new scheme to provide assistance/grants to backward districts of the country on the lines of the existing Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including the allocation of funds to the States;

(c) whether the State Governments of Bihar and Maharashtra have requested for inclusion of more districts; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme